

## United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of North Dakota

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Number of Judgeships: 1

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**William A. Hill**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: North Dakota 1968 BS, 1971 JD  
Began Service: January 1, 1984  
Term Expires: December 3, 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Paul Benson, United States District Court for the District of North Dakota (1972-1974)

**Government:** Deputy Secretary of State, State of North Dakota (1971-1972)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the District of North Dakota (1975-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Pancratz, Wold, Yuill & Johnson (1974-1983)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

### Staff

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Number of Judgeships: 12

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Auglaize, Carroll, Columbiana, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Geauga, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Van Wert, Wayne, Williams, Wood and Wyandot

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**Solomon Oliver, Jr.**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Wooster 1969 BA; NYU 1972 JD; Case Western 1974 MA  
Began Service: May 9, 1994; June 1, 2010  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association; Norman S. Minor Bar Association

### Staff

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**Donald C. Nugent**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Xavier (OH) 1970 BA; Cleveland-Marshall 1974 JD  
Began Service: June 30, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Cleveland Marshall College of Law

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, County of Cuyahoga, Ohio (1975-1985)

**Judicial:** Judge, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County (1985-1993); Judge, Ohio District Court, Eighth District (1993-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1974-1975); Associate, Laurie, Hull and Ryan (1975-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1970-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Cleveland County Bar Association; Cuyahoga County Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association

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**Patricia A. Gaughan**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: St Mary's Col (IN) 1975 BA; Notre Dame 1978 JD  
Began Service: January 17, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, Cleveland State University (1983-1987)

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Criminal Trial Division, County of Cuyahoga, Ohio (1978-1983); Assistant United States Attorney, Economic Crime Division, Northern District of Ohio, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1983-1984)

**Judicial:** Judge, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County (1987-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Reid, Johnson, Downes, Andrachik and Webster (1984-1987)

**Current Memberships:** The Sidney Reitman Employment Law American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association; 8th Judicial District Conference; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; National Conference of Metropolitan Courts

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**James S. Gwin**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Kenyon 1975 BA; Akron 1979 JD  
Began Service: November 10, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Judge, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, Stark County (1989-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Wise & Gutierrez (1979-1985); Partner, Shareholder, Gutierrez, Mackey & Gwin, L.P.A. (1985-1989)

## Chambers of District Judge James S. Gwin continued

### Staff

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**Dan A. Polster**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Harvard 1972 AB, 1976 JD  
Began Service: August 10, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University (1980-1981)

**Government:** Trial Attorney, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice, Gerald Ford Administration (1976-1982); Assistant United States Attorney, Economic Crimes Unit, Northern District of Ohio, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1982-1998)

**Current Memberships:** Criminal Law Committee, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

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**John R. Adams**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: September 22, 1955  
Education: Bowling Green State 1978 BS; Akron 1983 JD  
Began Service: February 12, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge W. F. Spicer, Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Ohio (1983-1984)

**Government:** Assistant Prosecutor, Office of the County Prosecutor, County of Summit, Ohio (1986-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Ohio (1999-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Germano, Rondy, Ciccolini Co., LPA (1984-1989); Partner, Kaufmann & Kaufmann (1989-1999)

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